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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER TESTIFIES ON GOB VIEW OF SELA

1. TESTIFYING SEPTEMBER 18 ON THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT (SEPTTEL) AND SELA BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, MINES , AND ENERGY, AND ECONOMY, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA BEGAN HIS ADDRESS TO THE LATTER TOPIC WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THE "MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN" PROPOSAL IS "POSSIBLY AN EFFORT TO COMPENSATE FOR THE NON-SUCCESS (INSUCESSO) OF THE 'NEW DIALOGUE', CUT IN THE MIDDLE BY THE APPROVAL OF THE AMERICAN TRADE LAW". DECLARING BRAZIL "ALWAYS READY TO COOPERATE" IN THE SEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT BUT CONCERNED ABOUT "THE EFFICIENCY OF THE METHODS ADOPTED", SILVEIRA CALLED BRAZIL CAUTIONS ABOUT ASSUMING COMMITMENTS AND OPPOSED TO THE MERELY DECLARATORY, INCONSEQUENTIAL CONFRATIONS, AND

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AUTOMATIC ALIGNMENTS", BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT BRAZIL COULD

NOT OPPOSE "THE IDEA OF SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE COMMON TO US. IT WOULD NOT BE POLITICALLY VIABLE NOT TO APPROVE, AT THE BEGINNING, AN IDEA WHICH ENJOYED THE GENERALIZED SUPPORT OF THE OTHER LATIN-AMERICAN NATIONS".

2. SILVEIRA LISTED THE BASIC OBJECTIVES OF SELA AS PROMOTING REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUPPORTING REGIONAL INTEGRATION, PROMOTING PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF INTEREST TO TWO OR MORE COUNTRIES, AND "ACTING AS A MECHANISM FOR LA CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION TO FORMULATE COMMON POSITIONS AND STRATEGIES BEFORE THIRD COUNTRIES, ASSOCIATIONS OF COUNTRIES, AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS", ADDING THESE PURPOSES "CAN BE SUBSCRIBED TO BY US WITHOUT HESITATION".

3. REASSERTING THE PRIMACY OF LA SOLIDARITY AND BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AND LA COOPERATION AND COORDINATION, SILVEIRA ADDED, " OUR DOUBT IN THIS RESPECT IS MORE OF AN OPERATIONAL NATURE, SINCE, DEPENDING ON THE BREADTH WHICH IT IS DESIRED TO GIVE THAT COORDINATION, IT IS ALREADY THE SPECIFIC TASK OF CECLA, TO WHICH WE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ALL BELONG". CONCLUDING HIS TESTIMONY ON SELA, SILVEIRA SUMMED UP, "OUR GENERAL POSITION IS, THUS, POSITIVE WITH RELATION TO THE IDEAS OF SELA. WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO SEE HOW THEY WILL BE DETAILED ON THE OPERATIONAL PLANE SO THAT THE SYSTEM COMES TO REPRESENT AN EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND NOT JUST ANOTHER DECLARATORY OR DILATORY FORUM IN SUCH FUNDAMENTAL MATTERS".
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